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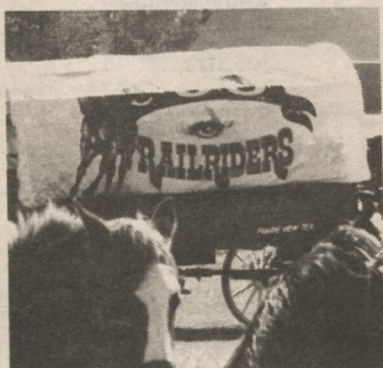
## A happy queen



by Gitonga M'mbijewe

Lachelle Holland, Miss Black and Gold 1995-96, overjoyed as she makes her first walk as queen Thursday, Feb. 2. See story on page 17.

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## Hines delivers positive message at convocation

BY BRIAN KEHINDE  
Panther Reporter

Dr. Charles A. Hines, Prairie View's new president, spoke to students, faculty and staff at the convocation in the Baby Dome Wednesday, Feb. 1. His message was one of hope, pride, encouragement, and better days ahead for the university.

SGA president Kevin Jones introduced Hines to the large audience after the band's opening number. Hines took the podium and spoke briefly about the school's history and reputation. He defended Prairie View against the wave of harmful negativity that threatens to sweep its students away.

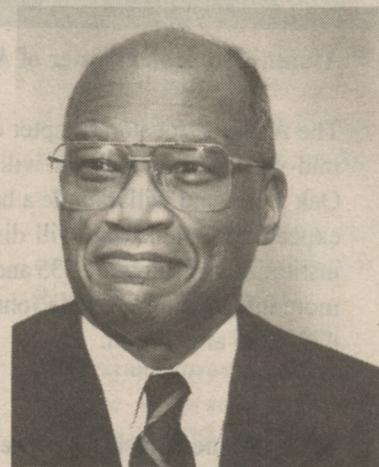
"(Everybody) talks about the lack of scholarships for our football team, but no one mentions how high

their graduation rate is," Hines said. "We must continue to commit excellence, and then (our record) will speak for itself," he said, after which he received thunderous applause.

Hines mentioned the names of several other excellent students, who in the past year, have made Prairie View the beacon of higher learning and outstanding promise that it should be. He also spoke of the importance of sacrifice.

"It is easy for a faceless president the students have never seen or spoken with to enjoy his position without (doing much)," he said. "I get rid of anonymity today. I will not escape from the truths, because as your president, I am committed to serving you, the students. There is no Prairie View without its students."

Before ending his short and



Charles Hines

to-the-point speech, Hines told the audience about his daughter's recent trip to the financial aid office. She

see CONVOCATION on page 18

## Ministers' conference pushes community involvement

BY AARON DAVIS  
Panther Reporter

The 37th Annual Ministers' Conference held on Prairie View A&M University's campus was attended by ministers of different denominations from Texas to New Jersey.

The two-day conference, Feb. 7-8, sponsored by the United Ministries of Texas, is held yearly to discuss possible improvements in the quality of the black church. This year the theme was "Responsible revitalization: From the black church to the community".

The objectives of the conference were to provide training in tackling economic problems of the community, to encourage full involvement in the social life of the community, and to perpetuate community leadership training.

Keynote speakers were the Rev. Floyd H. Williams, Dr. William D. Watley, Pastor Kirbyjon H. Caldwell, the Rev. Jerome McNeil, and Dr. Charles A. Hines.

Williams, of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, presided at the first general session in the Hobart Taylor Auditorium on Tuesday. Williams' speech addressed the theme of the conference and the fact that at one time the church was responsible for the community, but now the community is responsible for



by Gitonga M'mbijewe

Ministers gather in lobby of Hobart Taylor Hall in between sessions at the 37th Annual Minister's Conference, Feb. 7-8.

the church. Williams urged listeners to help bring the church back to its original status.

Watley, of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Newark, N.J., took a different approach to the forum at the lecture session in the Hobart Taylor Recital Hall. Watley told the audience that his

approach to ministering was unorthodox because it involved lecturing on a biblical reference instead of preaching on a biblical verse.

Caldwell, of Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston, delivered the keynote sermon at the second general session in the Johnson-see CONFERENCE on page 18



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**Alumni-Houston chapter of Alcorn State University to hold conference**

The Alumni-Houston Chapter of Alcorn State University is inviting friends, family, and alumni to their mid-winter conference that will be held on Feb. 23-26. The conference will be held at the Doubletree Post Oak Hotel and will include a banquet on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. Over 700 families and alumni are expected to attend and will discuss issues concerning Alcorn State University, as well as other black institutions. Tickets are \$35 and proceeds will benefit the Alcorn State University Scholarship Fund. For more information, Belinda Johnson at (713) 444-2869, or Tammie Campbell at (713) 564-6200 or (713) 499-7966 after 5 p.m.

**Attention new business owners**

For new business owners, the Internal Revenue Service has scheduled a free Small Business Tax Workshop in Bryan. On Thursday, March 9, a workshop will be held at the Bryan Municipal Building, Basement Training Room, B 037, 300 S. Texas, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Topics include record keeping, self-employment taxes, employment taxes and IRS procedures. No reservations are needed but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information, call the IRS Volunteer and Education Office at (512) 499-5439.

**North American open poetry contest to award over \$24,000 in prizes**

\$24,000 will be awarded to over 250 poets in this contest that is sponsored by the National Library of Poetry. Every poem, whether previously published or not can be a winner and has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology. Anyone interested in entering the contest must send one original poem, any subject and any style, to the National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Drive, P.O. Box 704-1933, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by March 31. A new contest opens April 1.

**Edward Robinson**

radio personality on KPVM 91.3, known as Fast Eddie. He also serves as the music director, and can be heard on the radio on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

He is currently an Exxon Technical Scholarship Recipient. In the summer of '92, Robinson received the opportunity to work at the Exxon company, in the Baytown Refinery Division, and then returned in the summer of '93. Then in the Summer of '94, he worked with Exxon again, but in the New Orleans Drilling Organization.

Robinson is a very active student on the campus, and is involved in many activities. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, a national honorary engineering fraternity, National Association of Black Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.. Robinson is currently a

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**PVAMU receives \$19,000 from Exxon**

Exxon USA has announced that Prairie View A&M University will receive \$19,000 in special funds provided by the oil company to assist universities. Exxon College Relations Coordinator, Truman Bell said, "In addition to our general support of education, these grants are specifically directed to university departments which are producing the type of well qualified graduates which Exxon needs."

Exxon is providing an total of \$1.7 million in special grants to assist university departments in funding scholarships, field trips, visiting speakers, equipment purchases, student and faculty travel to professional meetings, and many other academic projects designed to attract quality students. Universities are offered the special grants which provide degrees in educational fields from which the company recruits future employees.

The amount of each grant is based on a variety of considerations, including the number of Exxon employees from a particular school and Exxon's recruiting success at the school over the past five years, according to Program Officer, Terry Walker of Exxon USA Public Affairs. And PVAMU Development Director, Harvey G. Dickerson said, "We are pleased with Exxon's continuing commitment to quality and excellence in higher education and feel that this special grant will be of immense help to the students of Prairie View A&M University."

**Hulen Davis**

Hulen M. Davis, assistant professor of social and political science at Prairie View A&M University participated in the swearing-in ceremony for the Texas House of Representatives and a special recognition ceremony for Representative Wilhelmina Delco and Representative Garfield Thompson given by the Legislative Black Caucus.

Davis was also an invited guest at the inauguration of Gov. George W. Bush, Jan. 17, in Austin.

The PV professor said that it was, "truly a black history event." "The next inauguration we hope we have more representatives to honor."

Davis, a member of the board of directors for the Brazos River Authority attended the regular full meeting of the Authority.

Davis helps create and maintain policies for the Brazos River and its tributaries.

The Authority has evolved and grown to keep pace with the water resource needs of the basin. The Authority operates one regional water treatment plant and three waste water treatment plants recognized by state and federal agencies for their environmental excellence.

The Authority engages in a basin-wide water quality monitoring effort as a Clean Rivers Program contractor for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation commission.

Davis received his B.A. from Prairie View in 1957, his master's degree in 1967 and he participated in Advanced political science studies at University of Austin and Texas A&M.

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Beyond The Hill

Shakur sentenced to prison

By Valentine's or arrest

Evers' wife seeks NAACP chair

Boyz II Men receive nominations

Rio, pulled off shelves

Shakur was sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison for the November sexual assault of a female fan.

Shakur, who claims he is still innocent, says he is very disappointed in the outcome, but feels that he has nothing to be ashamed of.

Apparently Shakur has been in custody since Dec. 23, and could have received up to seven years, but will only serve 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 years.

According to the Houston Chronicle, he was found guilty of first degree sexual abuse for luring a fan into his Manhattan hotel and groping her, but was acquitted for first degree sodomy.

In Sacramento, Calif. spousal abusers must turn themselves in by Valentine's day or risk being arrested in their homes or jobs. All spousal abusers, with outstanding warrants must adhere by the requests of the sheriff's office.

According to Sheriff's spokesman John McGinness, the choice of using Valentine's day as the deadline was no coincidence. He says that the officers hope to prevent domestic violence that might be triggered by dashed romantic expectations.

McGinness said that when emotions get involved, tempers get short, and people get hurt.

Medgar Evers' wife, Myrlie Evers-Williams is seeking the NAACP chair against long-standing William Gibson.

Gibson, who has recently been criticized for the organization's finances and political direction, received the position after, Benjamin Chavis was fired.

Evers-Williams promises to bring financial accountability and credibility to the NAACP.

62-year-old Evers-Williams is a longtime NAACP board member and is former commissioner of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works.

Gibson stated that he is "leaning towards running again."

Boyz II Men are receiving many nominations by the Soul Train Music Awards.

They have been nominated for best R&B soul single from a group, best video, best album, and song of the year.

Among the other nominees are Barry White, who earned three nominations for best male R&B single, best male R&B album, and R&B song of the year.

Anita Baker also made the list for her LP Rhythm of Love, for female R&B soul single, best R&B soul album by a woman and best video.

Looks like a great competition.

Almost 2,000 women have reported complaints after using the once popular Rio perm.

The company that manufactured Rio aired a 30-minute infomercial that used black models swinging their bouncing and behaving hair after supposedly using a Rio perm. One of the gentlemen on the infomercial even put the perm in his mouth as if to show that the perm was 100% natural.

Complaints were that Rio turned people's hair green, and some fell out completely. Rio has been pulled off the shelves.

(Articles reported in Houston Chronicle)



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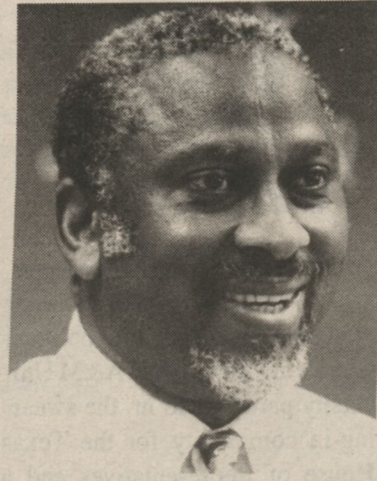
PV professor publishes Spring '95 job fair  
Linear Algebra and  
Its Application

BY ANN HARVEY  
Panther Reporter

Dr. N'Ekwunife Muoneke, Prairie View A&M University associate professor of mathematics, has authored an article on the area of linear algebra which has been published in the academic journal, *Linear Algebra and Its Application*.

Articles such as these provide practical applications for research which then serve as grounds for further study. The areas of probability, statistical analysis, biometry, and biostatistical analysis are some of the other studies that may be researched as well.

The idea for the article was the result of talks among Muoneke and fellow mathematicians at a math conference at the University of West Florida in March 1993. The conference hosted numerous mathematicians from all over the world, which allowed the idea to ultimately take form. During the interaction between these numerical minds, the idea of an in-depth study of linear algebra came to Muoneke. As a result his article was



Dr. N'Ekwunife Muoneke

then published in November 1994.

Muoneke chose linear algebra because it is "the fundamental element of math" and "is the cross between pure math and applied math".

Muoneke said, Muoneke plans other mathematical studies said the possible subjects are endless. "The more a tree grows the more branches it has. It never stops. There's always room for improvement," said Muoneke.

Muoneke recieved his undergraduate degree in mathematics from the University of Nigeria, a masters degree in mathematics from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D., also in mathematics from the University of Houston. Before coming to PV, Muoneke taught at Howard University, and has been a faculty member of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College since 1986.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, over 50 major corporations and governmental agencies will be talking to students..

With unemployment figures rising and a weak economy looming overhead, prospective graduates may find that the Annual Spring Career Festival will help them get a jump on the job market. The festival activities will commence Tuesday, Feb. 21 with Training to Launch a Career (TLC); continuing Wednesday, Feb. 22 with the job expo and career fair.

The Career Planning & Outreach Center and University's Business Cluster proudly invite you to attend the Annual Spring Career Festival. Since its inception, the career festival has played a meaningful role in the career orientation and career education of students. Over 50,000 students have been served by this important educational program.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21—TLC Day, corporate representatives are invited to visit classrooms and discuss career development issues and potential employment opportunities available in their organization. The TLC program will strengthen and/or develop positive images for participating companies and agencies through direct contact with students. Student participants will enhance their job search skills and become more

effective in finding co-ops, internships or permanent employment.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, over 50 major corporations' and governmental agencies' representatives will be talking to students, alumni, faculty and staff at the job expo and career fair. The job fair will be held in the University Field House (Baby Dome) from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity for students, faculty and staffs to network with representatives of these companies and organizations from all across the United States. While upcoming graduates may find the job expo instrumental in their future economic well being, so too will anyone looking to make a career move. In the past, many students have received job offers including permanent hire, co-ops and internships.

The career festival will reach nearly 4,500 students, alumni, faculty and staff. It continues to be an integral component of the total educational process at the university. On the day of the job expo, all participants are encouraged to dress professionally, and bring several copies of their resumes.

For more information, contact the Career Planning & Outreach Center at (409) 857-2055 or come by Anderson Hall Room 201.

"Walk in their shoes"

Outstanding, dynamic, intriguing enlightened and inspirational is how the students are describing "Walk in their shoes" a three part series in commemoration of Black History Month at Prairie View A&M University. The event has become a big hit among the students and has become a major event on the campus this semester.

The renowned Charles Giplin Players and the Office of Student Activities launched the program on Jan. 1, with a look at black women and was followed up with Part II on Jan. 8, focussing on black men. "Walk in their shoes" takes a candid look at black men and women of the past, present and future. The third and final series on Jan. 15, will focus on the partnership and coalition building between black men and women in twenty-the first century. "Walk on their shoes" begins the Giplin Players dynamic interpretation of blacks during slavery and hideous attacks on the race. Music, dance and song, we relieve the struggles and toils of outstanding activist.

Following the presentation the audience will has the opportunity to discuss "Walk in their shoes"

The purpose of the program is to reflect on the plight of black men and women and restore respect and dignity.

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New fellowship opportunities for minority students

BY OLIN T. FLOWERS  
Panther Reporter

The Prairie view A & M University civil engineering department has established the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program to encourage engineering students to graduate and participate in the transportation profession.

The program is sponsored by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and is aimed at

recruiting minority students.

Five PV students received the fellowship in the 1993-94 academic year.

They were: Kelly Davis, a civil engineering graduate student; Antoinette Butler, now a commissioned officer and engineer in the US Army; Micheal Hawthorne, currently in graduate studies at the University of California-Berkley; Norman Holloway and Tammy McCowin, both graduates presently

employed as civil engineers in the private sector.

All of the 1993-94 participants were members of the Sigma Xi Research Club for civil engineering students.

The Eisenhower Program Coordinator is Dr. Rahda. He worked in conjunction with Dr. Z. Khatib, the PVAMU faculty advisor to the program.

Rahda explained the purpose of the program. "This program is

designed to help engineering students excel in their field of study. It offers extensive training and specialization with no compulsion to work for the government," he said.

The program is particularly important to civil engineering students in Texas, because Texas has the largest transportation budget as well as the most miles of highway of any state in the United States.

In the program, students specialize in areas such as highway pollution, systems for highway runoff and flood control, and high occupancy vehicle lanes in Houston.

For the 1994-95 school year, Keisha Johnson, Kevin White, and Zachary Perkins received fellowships for a total of \$50,000 for each year of the overall program. All are currently seniors in the civil engineering curriculum, and should be commended for their outstanding scholarship and achievement.

Fiscal affairs  
lasting impact

PVAMU "I recall discussing Prairie View's 1988 fiscal crisis with a group of accounting majors where the question was asked, "How can this situation be fixed?" My answer was that more students must take interest in the financial stature of the school. We must begin to develop a critical mass of the University nonprofit account, if there is to be an impact on this university and HBCU's in general." stated Dr. Sid Howard Credle, chair, Department of Accounting and Information Systems.

Over the years, many students have answered this call of action. Six former students of the department of Accounting and Information Systems, are currently employed in the Office of Fiscal Affairs. They are supported by staff accountants, and are referred to as the "Kids



by Tom Godwin

(L-R) Latakia Glenn, Latrine Henderson, Alice Ball-Hector, Cliche Hutchins, Cozette Jones-Turner, Janet Castle-Curtis, Niles Dillard, Wayne Turner, Charles McClelland and Harold Hopkins II

in the Hall" by their senior good administration and internal administrators. control in communication. One of their goals is a key to competencies within the group.

Rise in career opportunities noted  
for minorities in justice system

Austin—The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has launched an aggressive minority recruiting campaign to help fill 9,000 jobs the agency expects to staff in the coming year, including 7,000 new openings in the prison expansion program.

"We intend to meet the statewide minority employment goals in every job category mandated by the Legislature in the appropriations bill," TDCJ executive director James A. Collins said of the recruiting

drive. "We can do this by capitalizing on our hiring opportunities as we complete the expansion program," Collins said. "Our management and our board have no higher priority."

Collins said the agency will stress recruiting Hispanic Texans, "because that is our weakest area and it is the area where we have the greatest opportunity as we open new facilities in the southern half of the state."

Although the prison system will hire the greatest number of new employees because of expansion, the recruiting campaign will equally

promote careers in TDCJ's other divisions, including pardons and paroles, community justice assistance, the Windham School System and the new state jails, Collins said. The recruiting drive will include college campus visits, contacts with ethnic-based organizations, job fairs and community outreach. Collins said a special effort will also be undertaken within the agency to assist minority employees with career development and enhancement.

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**Keeping an eye on Texas**

**Ag grads pick their jobs**

Texas colleges and universities hope to see their graduates with degrees in agriculture, food sciences, natural resources or veterinary medicine fill some of the 48,793 job openings anticipated in those fields throughout the U.S.

**Degrees granted at Texas schools, 1993**  
In agriculture, food sciences, natural resources and veterinary medicine

Texas A&M	875
Texas Tech	255
Tarleton State	171
Southwest Texas State	110
Stephen F. Austin	99
Sam Houston State	90
Texas A&M, Kingsville	39
West Texas A&M	32
East Texas State	31
Sul Ross	30
Angelo State	21
Prairie View A&M	20

**Projected job openings in the agriculture industry, 1995**

Marketing, merchandising and sales	15,806
Scientists, engineers	14,021
Managers and financial specialists	6,844
Social services	4,750
Communications and education	3,714
Agricultural production	3,658

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Scholarship Announcement**

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NEWSWEEK

Starting Salary Stats

After four or more years of hard work and sacrifice and finally receiving a bachelor's degree, entering the job market can be scary. Merely applying just won't cut it. Your resume speaks for you and if haven't taken advantage of networking opportunities, shame on you. The competition gets stiffer as each semester over 100 more valedictorians and salutatorians graduate. These are the people that may have an edge over you.

freshmen don't always get paid what they are worthy of, but that's reality. After earning stripes the pay does get better. Nationwide employment salary increases have been made in southcentral and northcentral regions. Due to excessive competition and low salaries, college graduates are often forced to take jobs that don't require a degree or are not in their field of study.

Below is a graph that indicates starting salaries.

Unfortunately, business



New members of Kappa Pi International Honorary Fraternity

Art, architecture get fraternity

BY DEREK BOYD  
Panther Reporter

chapter, consists of 13 members and is sponsored by art program head, the Rev. Clarence Talley Sr.

"We are glad to finally have a chapter on this campus which emphasizes the visual arts," said Talley.

Kappa Pi was established at the University of Kentucky in 1911, and as of the fall of 1994, it has become available to art majors at PV.

The fraternity's standard is to support

excellence in art on a voluntary, non-profit basis.

Talley said the fraternity allows its members to participate in the Kappa Pi Art Scholarship Competition and promotes visual arts on campus and in the community.

"Our students should feel special and belong to a special group that highlights their major and their commitment to arts, and that is the nature of Kappa Pi," said Talley.

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Financial Administration	\$26,838
Mathematics	\$26,630
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Marketing	\$24,780
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Business Administration	\$23,950
Hotel/ Restaurant Mgt.	\$23,855
Human Resources	\$22,760
Education	\$22,898
Natural Resources	\$22,760
Social Sciences	\$22,600
Retailing	\$22,195
Advertising	\$21,870
Communications	\$21,860
Human Ecology	\$21,353
Home Economics	\$21,252
Liberal Arts	\$21,124
Journalism	\$20,837
Telecommunications	\$20,821

Average for Graduate Degree

MBA	\$39,507
Master's	\$38,686
Ph.D.	\$35,934

NEWSWEEK

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.  
hosts state convention on the yard

The Epsilon Tau Lambda and Eta Gamma chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., will host the 31st Texas council of Alpha chapters state convention in Houston and Prairie View from Feb. 16-19 at the Medallion Hotel and Prairie View A&M University.

The host chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha are composed of members from the Northwest Houston and Waller county areas, as well as students from PVAMU. They have formulated a well-rounded agenda for visiting delegates. Approximately 250 delegates, along with their families, from across the state are expected to attend the convention. These delegates will attend workshops for coordinating

and expanding the fraternity's national programs.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the oldest black Greek letter fraternity, was founded at Cornell University in 1906. The objectives of the fraternity include professionalism and excellence, promoting continuing education, promoting equality of opportunity, promoting freedom and dignity of the individual, and aid to those less fortunate. Some of the fraternity's national projects include "Go to High School, Go to College", "Project Alpha" pre-college program, undergraduate and graduate scholarships, support of Scouting,

voter registration, and Alpha-owned low income housing.

There will be a number of events for which the public is invited. Included are a step show competition at PVAMU, Friday at 8 ., a comedy show at the Medallion Hotel, Friday at 9 p.m. followed by a '70s style dance. On Saturday there will be a ladies fashion show and brunch at 11:30 a.m. and a Miss Black and Gold Pageant at 7:30 p.m. We encourage all citizens of the surrounding communities to come out and support us as we continue our legacy of achievement.



by Gitonga M'mbijewe

Prairie View A&M University battalion wait attentively for the next command from their commander behind Harrington Science.

PV ROTC hoops it up

The Army ROTC Panther Battalion of Prairie View A&M University held its spring semester activation ceremony on Feb. 2. The battalion is now under the command of Cadet Lt. Col. John LaSalle and Cadet Sgt. Maj. Joshua McCaw. PVAMU President Charles A. Hines welcomed the battalion to this spring semester after the ceremony. He encouraged the battalion on its journey toward leadership excellence, and greeted every cadet with a hand shake. The battalion has formed an intramural basketball team for this semester and is also renewing the Scabbard & Blades Honor Society chapter effective Feb. 16. For more information contact C/ CPT Robert Williams at ext. 4612.

PV student honored as  
engineer of the year



By Tom Godwin  
Dameshia J. DeFlora

BY BRYAN BARROWS

Depending on which accrediting agency or which professional trade magazine you choose, Prairie View A&M University College of

Engineering is either ranked number one or number two in the production of African American engineers in the United States.

Under the leadership of Dean, Dr. John Foster, the College of Engineering and Architecture has prospered. In fact, a member of the current class of engineering students has been afforded an amazing honor which is highly characteristic of PVAMUs' engineering students.

University senior mechanical engineering major, Dameshia J. DeFlora, has been awarded the "Black Engineering of the Year - Student Leadership" award by the Career Communications Group. DeFlora will receive the award at a special program planned for Feb. 16-18, in Baltimore, Maryland.

And, lest anyone think that this honor is a fluke, PVAMU has been honored twice before with students awarded with the same award.

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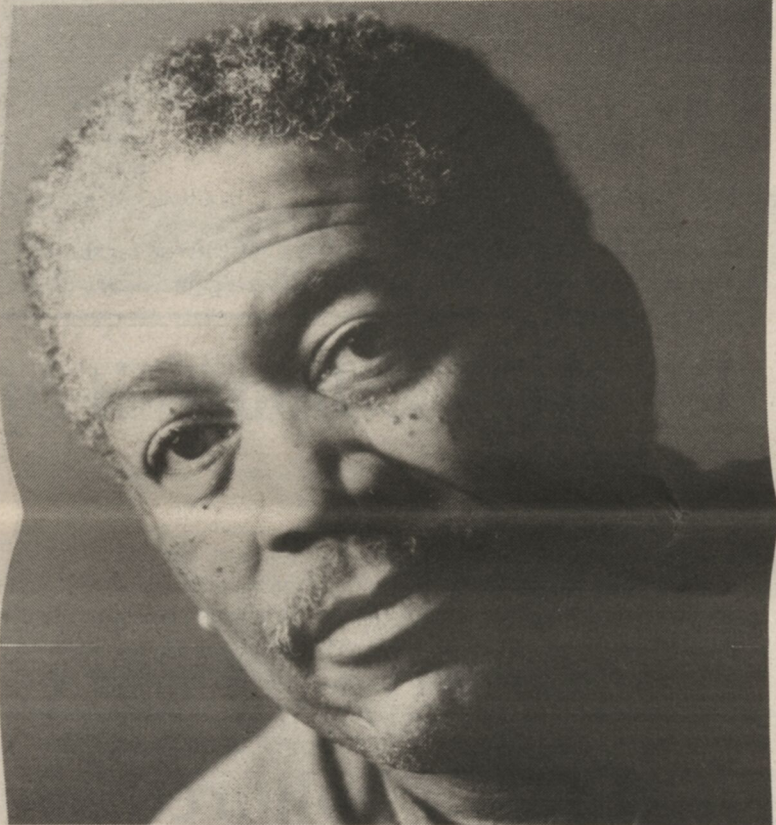
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BLACK HISTORY  
MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

The Promised Land

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 12, 9-11 p.m. America's untold story will be revealed when The Promised Land makes its world premiere on The Discovery Channel. Discovery's new five-part series chronicles the odyssey of two generations of African Americans through a combination of



by Lynn Houston

documentary reportage, music and real-life storytelling. It was inspired by Nicholas Lemann's acclaimed 1991 book of the same name and is the first major series to document a phenomenon that was virtually ignored by mainstream media and historians while it was happening, and which has received little recognition since. Produced by Anthony Geffen and narrated by actor Morgan Freeman, The Promised Land features intimate first-person accounts by a cross-section of individuals who are representative of millions more. To visualize their stories, the production team spent over two years searching through corporate, foundation, newspaper and family archives; private homes; churches; libraries; and numerous other (and often unlikely) sources to unearth a treasure-trove of never-before-seen film footage and photos. A broad range of music, including an original jazz score by Terence Blanchard (composer of the score for Malcolm X ); historic blues and folk recordings; and excerpts of popular songs by such artists as James Brown, Terence Trent D'Arby, Aretha Franklin, Tramine Hawkins, Howlin' Wolf and Public Enemy enhance the

Promised Land as in life, the personal is just as important as the political, and just as intertwined. As Morgan Freeman says of his experience as narrator of the series, "As we were recording, I gradually came to realize that I was recalling a part of my own and my family's story, and that we were actually part of something much larger and very important."

As The Promised Land explains, the Great Migration was one of the defining moments of American history, arguably comparable in significance and magnitude to the Great Depression and the Vietnam War. Although the Depression served as the kick-off for the Migration, it was the nearly simultaneous early-1940s invention of the mechanical cotton picker and start of World War II that literally pushed and pulled at African Americans. Where once the feudal Southern plantation system did everything in its power to retain its essential force of cheap labor, Southern blacks suddenly found themselves unemployed and unwanted.

Conversely, the industrial North, hungry for labor in its factories, mills and stockyards, was actively recruiting them. The salaries, by Southern standards, were high. And the opportunity to escape the social strictures of segregation were equally appealing. While many people

ventured to Detroit, New York, and other points north, the lion's share took the most direct route available, which was via the Illinois Central Railroad—last stop, Chicago.

The five hours of The Promised Land begin with a description of life in rural Mississippi, then move on to paint a vivid picture of Chicago in the 1940s-50s. The final two episodes focus on the social and political changes created by the civil rights movement of the 1960s, including the impact of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, and life in Chicago today. And while daunting problems in the inner city attest to the fact that not everyone has found the Promised Land, the series is a reminder that the growth of a substantial black middle class did allow many people to find some semblance of the American Dream.

The Promised Land, a co-production of Discovery Productions and BBC-TV, is produced by Anthony Geffen, written by Mark Hayhurst, and directed by



By Russo & Taylor

Edmund Coulthard and Nick Godwin. Denise Baddour is the executive in charge of production, with Nancy Lebrun senior producer. Discovery's president Greg Moyer and senior vice president of programming Clark Bunting both played an integral role in shaping the series and bringing it to the home screen. "We think this series will



By Columbia

Terence Blanchard

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INVENTIONS

INVENTION	INVENTOR	DATE
STETHOSCOPE	IMHOTEP	ANCIENT EGYPT
MAIL BOX	PAUL B. DOWNING	OCT. 27, 1891
PENCIL SHARPENER	J.L. LOVE	NOV. 23 1897
HORSE SHOE	J. RICKS	MAR. 30, 1886
FOUNTAIN PEN	W.B. PURMS	JAN. 7. 1890
GOLF TEE	T. GRANT	DEC. 12, 1899
SPARK PLUG	EDMOND BERGER	FEB. 2, 1839
RIDING SADDLES	W.D. DAVIS	OCT. 6, 1896
ALMANAC	BENJAMIN BANNEKER	APPROX. 1791
DUST PAN	LAWRENCE P. RAY	AUG. 3, 1897
LAWN SPRINKLER	J.W. SMITH	MAY 4, 1897
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	T.J. MARSHALL	OCT. 26, 1872
HAND STAMP	WALTER B. PURMS	FEB 27, 1883
LUNCH PAIL	JAMES ROBINSON	1887
ROLLING PEN	JOHN W. REED	1884
IRONING BOARD	SARAH BOONE	DEC. 30, 1887
EYE PROTECTOR	P. JOHNSON	NOV. 2, 1880
INSECT DESTROYER GUN	A.C. RICHARD	FEB. 28, 1899
AUTOMATIC GEAR SHIFT	RICHARD B. SPIKES	FEB 2, 1932
MOTOR	FREDERICK M. JONES	JUNE 27, 1939
DOOR STOP	O. DORSEY	DEC. 10 1878
GAS MASK	GARRETT MORGAN	OCT. 13, 1914
TRAFFIC LIGHT	GARRETT MORGAN	NOV. 20 1923
CURTAIN ROD SUPPORTER	WILLIAM S. GRANT	AUG. 4, 1896
CURTAIN ROD	S.R. SCRATON	NOV 30, 1889
ELECTRIC LAMP/BULB	LEWIS LATIMER	MAR. 21, 1882
BLOOD PLASMA BAG	CHARLES DREW	APPROX. 1945
BISCUIT CUTTER	A.P. ASHBOURNE	NOV. 30, 1875
CHAMBER COMMODE	T. ELKIN	JAN. 8, 1897
LUBRICATING CUP	ELIJAH-McCOY	NOV. 15, 1898
STREET SWEEPER	CHARLES B. BROOKS	MAR. 17, 1890
CLOTHES DRYER	G.T. SAMPSON	JUNE 6, 1892
FOLDING CHAIR	BRODY & SURGWAR	JUNE 11, 1889
SUPER SOAKER	LONNIE G. JOHNSON	DEC. 24, 1991
ICE CREAM	AUGUST JACKSON	1832
SANI PHONE	JERRY JOHNSON	PENDING
MEDICINE TRAY	JOAN CLARK	APRIL 1, 1986

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ego-tripping  
(there may be a reason why)

I was born in the congo  
I walked in the fertile crescent and built  
the sphinx  
I designed a pyramid so tough that a star  
that only glows every one hundred years falls  
into the center giving divine perfect light

I am bad

I sat on the throne  
drinking nectar with allah  
I got hot and sent an ice age to europe  
to cool my thirst

My oldest daughter is nefertiti  
the tears from my birth pains  
created the Nile

I am a beautiful woman

I gazed on the forest and burned  
out the sahara desert  
with a packet of goat's meat  
and a change of clothes

I crossed it in two hours  
I am gazelle so swift  
so swift you can't catch me

For a birthday present when he was three  
I gave my son hannibal an elephant  
He gave me rome for mother's day  
My strength flows ever on

My son noah built new / ark and  
I stood proudly at the helm  
as we sailed on a soft summer day

I turned myself into myself and was  
jesus  
men intone my loving name

All praises All praises  
I am the one who would save

I sowed diamonds in my back yard  
My bowels deliver uranium  
the filings from my fingernails are  
semi-precious jewels  
On a trip north

I caught a cold and blew  
My nose giving oil to the arab world  
I am so hip even my errors are correct  
I sailed west to reach east and had to round off  
the earth as I went  
The hair from my head thinned and gold was  
laid across three continents

I am so perfect so divine so ethereal so surreal  
I cannot be comprehended  
except by my permission

I mean ... I ... can fly  
like a bird in the sky ...

nikki giovanni



# BLACK HISTORY

## MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

### Bill Pickett, famous black cowboy, became star of the Old West rodeo

BY PHILLIP W. HARRISON JR.  
Special to The Panther

Bill Pickett has been called one of the greatest black cowboys that ever lived. He attained national and international fame as a rodeo performer, and is credited with originating the rodeo sport called "bulldogging".

Pickett, born Dec. 5, 1870 in Williamson County, Texas, was the second of 13 children of Thomas Jefferson and Mary Elizabeth Pickett, former slaves. After completing the fifth grade, Pickett was hired as a ranch hand, where he developed his skills in riding and roping. Years later (1890), he took a wife, Maggie Turner, and fathered nine children.

In the west, shortly after the Civil War, a new kind of hero began to dominate the American scene—the cowboy emerged. They were gutsy

and tough, and among them was Bill Pickett. He was one of the best. There was not a four-legged beast alive he would not take on. He earned a special

billing and the professional name "Dusky Demon" for his daring bulldogging techniques. Pickett personalized the sport with exact timing, coupled with guts and power. One reporter is quoted as saying: Pickett was "a man who out does the fiercest dog in utter brutality."

The sport of wrestling steers or bulls down by hand goes back to the Roman era. However, Bill Pickett, standing 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighing only 145 pounds, with powerful shoulders and arms, was

widely known for his special "bulldogging" skill which he used to compensate for his stature. He would actually sink his teeth into the rebellious animal's nose or upper lip to render it docile and throwable. It is said that Pickett acquired his technique from witnessing a bulldog "hold" a ranch steer.

In 1907, Pickett contracted with

Zack Miller, owner of the famous 101 Ranch and Wild West Show, headquartered in Oklahoma. The 101 Ranch encompassed a hundred thousand acres and employed about 200 cowboys. Miller boasted that he had the best collection of riders and

wranglers in the west. Such notables as Will Rogers and Tom Mix got their start at the 101. In a short time Pickett became the star performer and the principal attraction. For over a decade, he performed daring stunts in the United States, Canada, Argentina, England, and Mexico. Only he was bold enough to tackle a steer, or any beast, without a lariat.

At a Mexican rodeo, in 1908, Pickett experienced a grueling encounter which almost cost him his life. Zack Miller announced to a crowd of 25,000 Mexicans that Pickett would bulldog a fighting bull. To demonstrate his confidence in Pickett's ability, Miller wagered in excess of \$5,000.

Pickett accepted the challenge and the match was on. He was tossed about like a rag doll, but Pickett hung on for dear life. The crowd became hostile and began to bombard

him with bottles and stones. They took this as an insult to their national sport—bullfighting. Although Pickett and his horse, Spradley, were severely hurt, Miller won his bet. Shortly after 1916, Bill Pickett retired from the rodeo arena and later bought a 160 acre ranch. In 1931, the 101 Ranch was in serious financial difficulties and he returned to lend a hand to his old boss.

One morning while roping horses, Pickett was kicked by a stallion, and died 11 days later of a fractured skull on April 2, 1932. He was buried at the White Eagle Monument, in Marland, Okla., and a marker was erected by the Cherokee Strip Cowboy Association. Zack Miller declared that Bill Pickett was the "greatest sweat-and-dirt cowhand that ever lived—bar none." In 1971, the legendary "Dusky Demon" became the first black cowboy to be admitted to the National Rodeo Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.



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Thursday	February 2	Seminar
		Dr. Joseph Travillion, Jr.
		Dr. William Parker
Monday	February 6	Seminar
		Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney
		(10:00 a.m.)
Tuesday	February 7	Video
		"African-American Inventors:
		From Dreams to Reality"
Thursday	February 9	Seminar
		Reverend Charles Leweter
Tuesday	February 14	Seminar
		President Charles Hines
Thursday	February 16	Video
		"El Hajj Malik Shabazz
		(Malcom X)"
Tuesday	February 21	Video
		"The Buffalo Soldiers"
Thursday	February 23	Seminar
		Dr. Barbara Jones
Friday	February 24	"Black History Quiz"
		College of Business
		(5:30 p.m.)
Monday	February 27	"James Harris Memorial
		Food Festival"
		Abner Davis Plaza
Tuesday	February 28	Video
		"The Land Where the Blues Began"

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# BLACK HISTORY

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### Black Women

Black women

yes Black women are always runnin'

I mean check it out.

They run from catchers who want to put them on slaves ships. Who want to enslave them. They swim, run from the jaws of the shark of the sea. They run from the auction blocks so not to be sold away from their loved ones

They run

from the master class who forcefully violate them in the name of rape creating the mulatto class.

They run

from the plantation, to get away from the terror of life. To get to freedom, to find their lost loved ones.

They run

to save the children and sometimes their men from the horrors of slavery.

Black women always runnin'.

They run

from pain disrespect and death.

Times have not changed.

'Cause our women are still runnin'. Still runnin' from the white boy. Runnin' from sexism, chauvinism. Runnin' from the back of the bus to the front. From bombed churches and Ku Klux nites. Runnin' from the bottom of the heap of human dignity. Runnin' from selfish, childlike Black men. Runnin' from their own children.

This is not a happy poem, but a poem to make you think.

We as a Black nation must STOP you from runnin', and allow you to rest.

Alli Aweus

poem taken from  
"Talk that Talk Some More"  
edited by Marian E. Barnes

### Women of Color who changed the world

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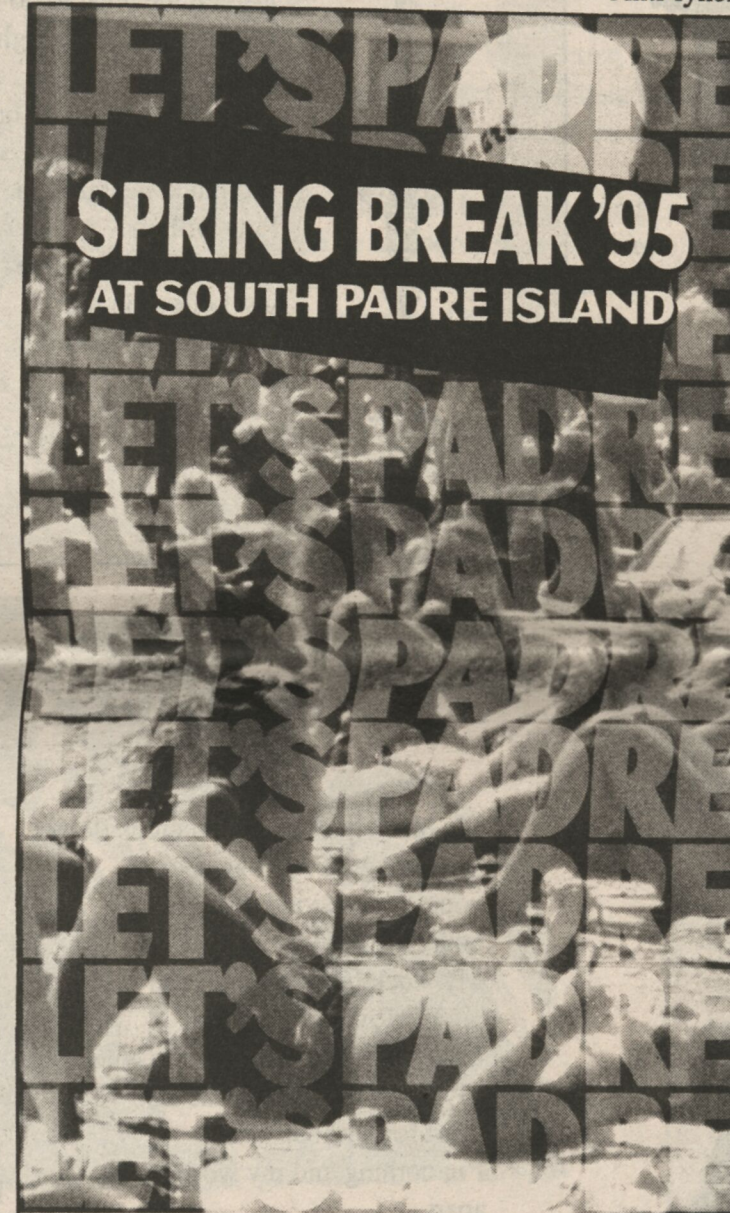
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# PRAIRIE VIEW POETS

## Little Black Boy

Little Black Boy come with me  
Come see how your people  
were raped, killed, mistreated  
and beat.

Come see a mother mourn and weep  
while her hungry children find it  
hard to sleep.  
Come see Black men hung  
from trees, children beat with whips, and  
mothers praying on their knees.  
Come see a family that has  
much of nothing,  
but thankful to God that  
they have one another.  
Come see your people get unjustly  
beat, as the blood of your ancestors  
pour out in the street.  
Come see your people still fight  
for their freedom, despite those who tried  
to harm, discourage and mislead them.  
Come see a leader who found something  
worth dying for,  
you and me,  
living in a world of equality.

*Little Black Boy, the time is now to understand  
put away your toys, hold your head  
high, it's time to be a man.*

Miguel Williams  
De' La' Ghetto

## One Chance

Whenever I speak  
I should mean what I say  
'cause I can't take it back  
Each and every day

Saying "I hate you!"  
Is a powerful thing  
Hate's one strong emotion  
It's a boxer's best swing

Express what you feel  
What's deep in your heart  
Make impressions real  
Before you're apart  
Give a kiss to a spouse  
Or a hug to a friend  
Because she's the one  
On whom you depend

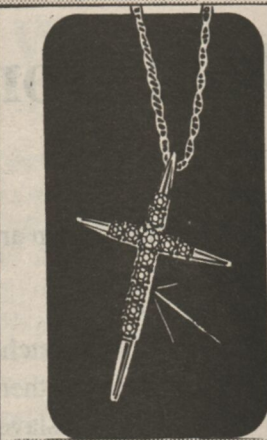
Don't take her for granted  
Appreciate her hand

Avery Taylor



## Guide Me Through

Pray with me  
and I will set you free  
just believe in me  
and you will soon see.  
Guide me through  
with your love and affection  
just tell me what to do  
and send me in the right direction.  
You're always there  
whenever I'm lonely or blue  
so please embrace me with your love  
and guide me through.  
Pray with me  
and I will set you free  
just believe in me  
and you will soon see.



Melvin Douglas McClain Jr.

## Black Queen

My black queen , my precious flower  
My love grows stronger for  
you, every second, minute, and  
hour.

My black queen, my all and  
all, my love for you, runs  
deeper than the water in the Nile  
My black queen, my one true  
heart for without you  
I'm nothing and my world falls  
apart.

My black queen, my shining  
star, I place you in the  
heavens for an angel is what  
you are.

My black queen, my every reason  
for life, for your pride and honor  
I will always stand and fight.

My black queen, my everything, if this  
world were mine I'd shower you with roses, rainbows, and  
diamond  
rings

My black queen, I will love you for eternity  
for you are what God intended a  
woman to be.

Miguel Williams  
De' La' Ghetto



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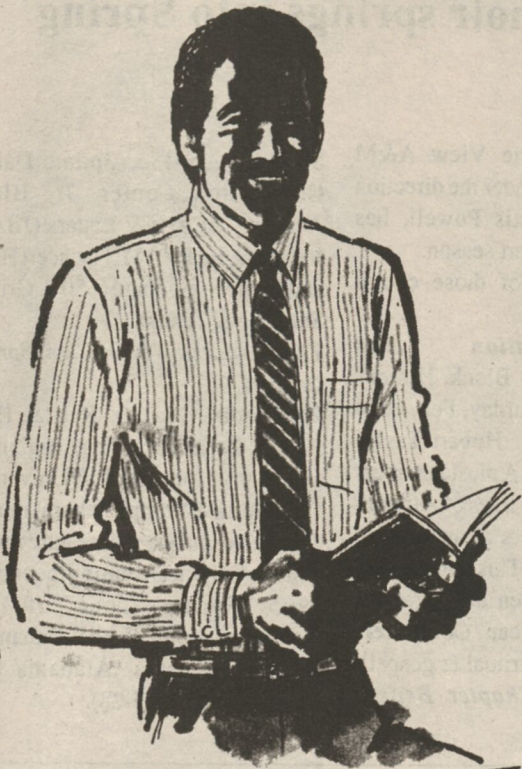
## Yes, I Can

Yes, I can walk the streets with anybody I please  
Yes, I can drink the water without a white man's tease  
Yes, I can become a journalist or a teacher  
Yes, I can become a Baptist preacher

Yes, I can vote in the next election  
Yes, I can sit in the VIP section  
Yes, I can become a singer like Diana Ross  
Yes, I can own my own business and be the boss

Yes, I can eat at the best restaurants  
Yes, I can be a supervisor at Du Pont  
Yes, I can be a strong black woman  
Yes, I am a proud black woman

Natasha Gransberry



## Family

Your brother may stumble  
Your sister may fall  
But there are some people  
With no family at all

If your sister's a nuisance  
Or your brother's a brat  
Don't label them as such  
Don't treat 'em like that

Every family has problems  
We don't always get along  
But there is no reason  
For treating them wrong

Because when they leave  
When they go far away  
It does no good to grieve  
You lost the best day

So treasure the family  
You have close to you  
Because there are others  
Who wish they could too

Avery Taylor



## In the Midst of Love

Emotions are running high,  
as my tongue lingers on your thigh;  
Sweating and dripping wet hands massaging hot sex,  
kissing your neck, nibbling on your ear,  
Don't you worry there's nothing to fear

Cause we're in the midst of love  
Shh... the time for talking is over,  
now bring those lips a little bit closer,  
So I can plant a wet kiss right...there.  
Moaning as legs are lifted in the air,  
our bodies gyrating under the sheets,  
Back and forth tasting sweet meat  
In the midst of love there's nothing we can't

do...  
close your eyes, as I lick all over you.  
Insatiable feeling overcome both of us  
It's the ultimate love not a feeling of lust,  
Climax at last  
The conclusion fast  
We were in the midst of love if all understood  
Damn.... you were good !!!

Lakeith Moore  
Tiffany Edwards



LIFESTYLES

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PV vs Grambling State	February 11
Fee Installment Due	February 13
VALENTINE'S DAY	February 14
Black History Choral Concert	February 18
University Spring Career Fair	February 20
PV vs Texas Southern	February 25

Trailriders strong after 37 years

BY CHARMAINE ORDONEZ  
Panther Reporter

One wagon and six riders ago, James Francis Jr. rode into Memorial Park. The National Guard was called in. The Army was called in. The fear of having a race war struck in the hearts of many. The riders continued on a journey that eventually led them to Prairie View. With the permission of President James Francis Jr., the organization was named The Prairie View Trail Riders Association.

Thirty-seven years later, the Prairie View Trail Riders are still in full effect. Established in 1957, the Prairie View Trail is working to keep the buffalo soldier, the ranch cowboy, trailriding cowboy and cowgirl proud of their past western heritage.

See TRAILBLAZERS on page18

PVAMU choir springs into Spring

The Prairie View A&M University Choir, under the direction of conductor, Curtis Powell, has announced its concert season. Here is a listing of those choral occasions:

**"In Celebration and Remembrance":** Black History Month Concert Saturday, Feb. 18, 4 p.m., Recital Hall, Hobart-Taylor Building, PVAMU. A musical tribute in celebration of the lives of African-American composers arrangers and choral conductors. This concert will feature music written and arranged by African-American Composers (sacred, secular, spiritual & gospel). **Dallas Alumni Chapter Benefit Musical Concert**

Sunday, April 2, 3p.m., Dallas Convention Center, Jr. Black Academy of Arts & Letters (JBAL) featuring the PVAMU Concert Band and Symphonic Band (650 S. Griffin St., Dallas, Texas).

**The Annual University Choir Spring Concert** Wednesday, May 3, Recital Hall, Hobart-Taylor Building, beginning at 7 p.m. Join the PV University Choir in an evening of choral music. This performance will feature music which will be heard during the choir's 1995 Spring Tour of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana (May 15-28).

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Higher Learning comes to the Hill

BY SHERRY K. LEONARD  
Special to the Panther

If you weren't there, I'm sure you heard about it. What is it? The "Higher Learning on the Hill" seminar brought to you by the department of student life, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

The seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the Animal Industries Building auditorium was well attended, and centered on film director John Singleton's box office hit "Higher Learning". The movie addressed several issues that are of interest to college students everywhere, so we addressed some of the issues that plague us here in Pantherland.

Many different points of view were expressed concerning topics such as date rape, homosexuality, interracial prejudice, Greek organization affiliation, racism, and whether or not you feel that as an African-American, society owes you something.

Parts of the evening more resembled a heated debate rather than an intellectual discussion, but in the style of true African-American unity, the evening ended on a most positive note. Audience participation was well thought out and intelligent with many members offering inspirational messages and solutions to some of the problems we face in our community.

The evening came to a close with everyone present accepting the challenge to do something the following day, and every day to help another struggling brother or sister trying to make it; because when we help each other we help ourselves. Stay tuned for "Higher Learning on the Hill: Part II".

Greek Life

Zeta Phi Beta Zeta Week	February 19-25
Alpha Kappa Alpha Black History Program Dome Party	February 21 February 24
Omega Psi Phi Seminar	February 23
Delta Sigma Theta Valentine's Day Ball	February 14
Alpha Phi Alpha Stepshow and Party in the Dome	February 18
Sigma Gamma Rho Informational Seminar	February 15
Phi Beta Sigma Informational Seminar	February 15

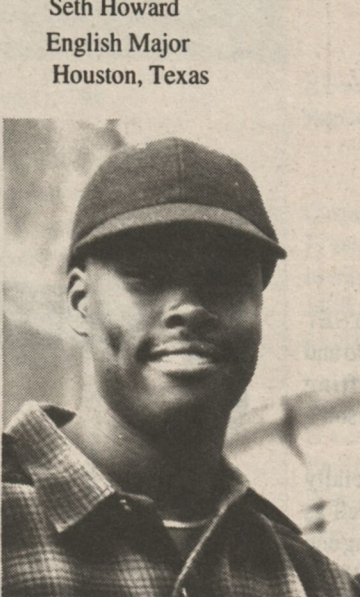
" The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement."

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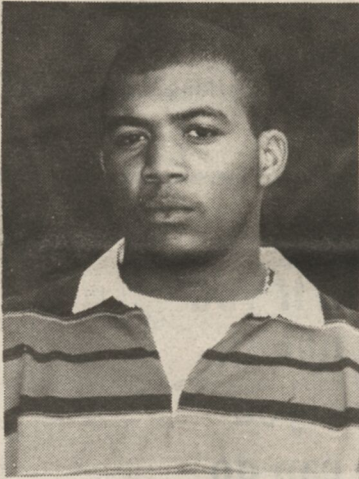
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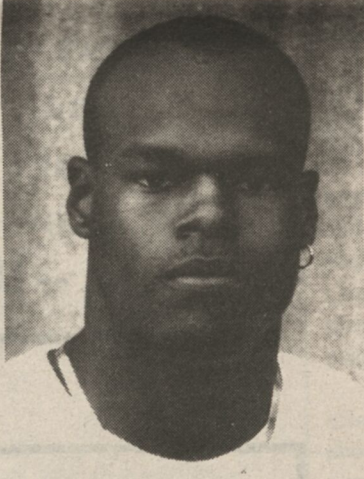
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Dareus Starr  
Electrical Engineering Major  
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from l to r : Nakia Thomas, Advertising Art Major, Houston, Texas, Gregory Turner, Mechanical Engineering Major, Indianapolis, Ind., and Kelser Fretty, Animal Science Major, Houston, Texas.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, Prairie View A&M University will be crowning the successor to Demetric Mass, Mr. Prairie View A&M University 1994-95. The ninth annual Mr. Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant, "The Essence of the Black Man", will be held in the Hobart Taylor recital hall at 7 p.m. Vying for the title of Mr. Prairie View are Jason Bell , Kelser Fretty, Donald Jennings, Aaron Lewis, Nakia Thomas, Gregory Turner, and Dareus Starr. Talents range from dynamic singing to oratorical presentations. Please come out and show your support for your university and your favorite contestant.

AQUARIUS

HOROSCOPES

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) \*You are at your best this week. Do not go over board. Be sure of your accusations before you accuse others. Spend quality time with yourself. You'll feel better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) \* Listen to a trusted advisor about your financial status. Do not let your fears over power your determination.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Now would be a good time to be nice to that pesky friend. It will pay off in the long run.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) \*You are in doubt about a friend, don't push them away. Things are not as they seem. Love is on the way.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) \*Consider a major move this week. Things are not going to go according to plan. Do not second guess your decisions.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) \*You are radiant. Do not let others hinder you. Beware of jealous friends. You have a secret admirer.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) \* You need time apart from friends.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) \* Control your temper. Do not over react. Your best friend needs you more than ever.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) \* That special person is counting on you. You are high spirited this week. You should wear cool colors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \* You will be able to get a lot done this week. Do not push your friends away. They are sincere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \* Lately things have not been great but if you stay focused things are destined to get better. Your lover needs more attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) \*This semester makes a tremendous break through for you. Keep on the right track. Remember without struggle there is no progress.

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# LIFESTYLES

## A BIG MAN on campus

PV freshman athlete pursuing goal as 'powerlifter'

BY TRANISHA D. WALLACE  
Panther Reporter

Although Barron Henderson has only been at PVAMU for a short time, he can already be considered as the "big man on campus". Henderson is a freshman physical therapy major who has earned a chance to compete in the NCAA Powerlifting Nationals in Baton Rouge, La.

It was Henderson's second place win at the Southern Collegiate Powerlifting Championship, where he squatted over 600 pounds, that advanced him to the national competition.

Henderson is a 1994 graduate of Terrell High School, in Terrell, Texas, where he was the state champion his senior year. He says that he was just a "chubby kid" when he started

five years ago, but now he is a 240 pound man. His thighs alone are well over 30 inches!

It takes a great deal of self-motivation to become a success at powerlifting and Henderson definitely has it. He sticks to a very strict training schedule and said that "when you can get up even if you don't feel like, that's when you know that you can do it."

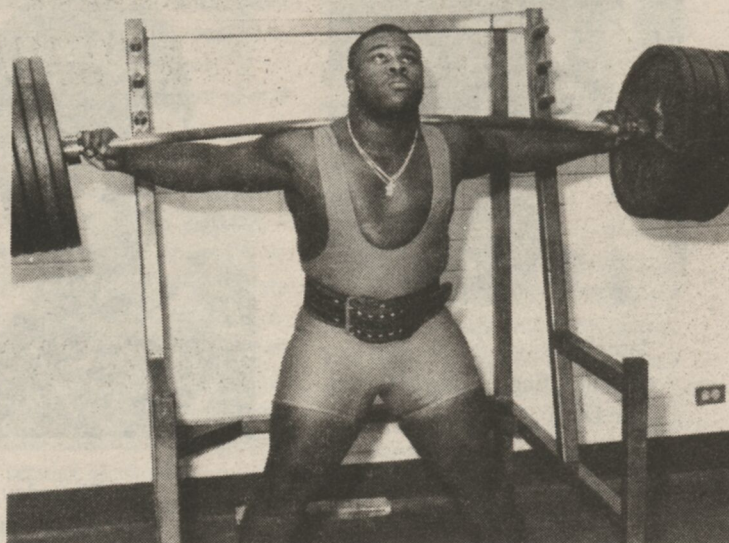
Henderson is a mild-mannered student who refused to take all the credit for his accomplishments. PVAMU does not have a formal powerlifting team, however, others on campus have assisted him in achieving his goals.

Along with the help of the SGA Henderson credits much of his

success to faculty member GYSET J.D. Carr. Carr is a two-time world and four-time national powerlifting champion who acts as Henderson's personal coach.

The SGA has financially supported him in the past as well as upcoming competitions, including one that will be held Feb. 24-26 in Philadelphia. Student Activities Director, Frederick Roberts and Auxiliary Services Director, Frank Jackson, have also been instrumental in helping Henderson in his pursuit of the championship.

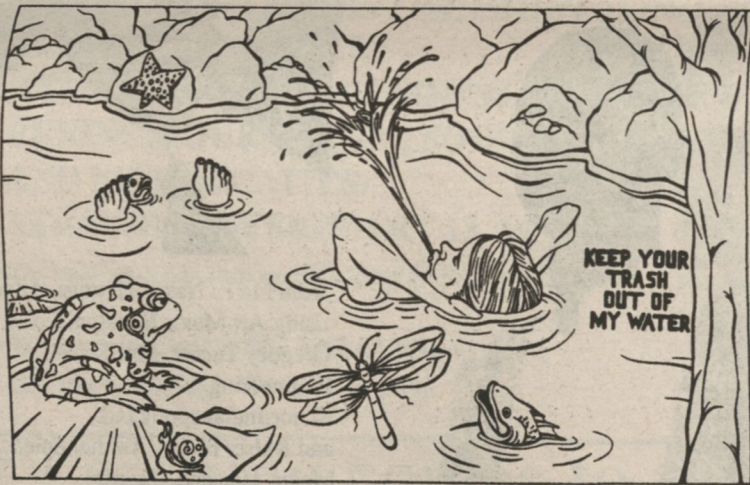
The national competition will be held on March 26 and Henderson is confident that his self-motivation and extensive training will prove him once again to be a real champion.



by Tom Godwin

Barron Henderson, PVAMU powerlifter working on his squats.

When you can  
get up even if you  
don't feel like it,  
that's when you  
know you can do  
it. -- Henderson



## PV student wins book cover design contest

BY DEREK BOYD  
Panther Reporter

The winner of the graphic book cover design competition sponsored by the Brazos River Authority, Damon Brown, is a freshman advertising major at Prairie View A&M University.

As the first place winner, his design will be reproduced on 70,000 book covers and distributed to school children across the Brazos River Basin in August.

In addition to his design illustrating the importance of water conservation, Brown will receive the first place award of \$150.

Of all 56 contest entries submitted by PV students, there were first and second place winners and two honorable mentions.

Senior advertising art major Chris Perkins received \$50 for his second place entry and an honorable mention for his second design entry.

Tanya Cook, a PV graduating senior and winner of the 1993 design competition, also received honorable mention for her graphic design.

The judges were Hulen

Davis, political science professor at PV and a director of the Brazos River Authority; Ann Johnson, merchandising and design art instructor at PV; and E.G. White-Swift, public information officer for the Authority.

The coordinator for the competition was the Rev. Clarence Talley Sr., head of the art program at PV.

On behalf of the Authority and himself, White-Swift thanked all contestants that entered this year's competition, and expressed his interest in all of the designs that were submitted and the time and effort put in by the artists.

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# LIFESTYLES

## WHAT'S THE FLAVA?

By George Spillman, Jr.

### GREATEST MISSED REVIEWS OF '94

This issue's reviews were constructed to squeeze in most of the artists that I couldn't get to last semester. It showcases some of 94's debut artists and some old school veterans that released albums or EPs. Along with the artist's names, album titles and production staffs are my favorite three or four tracks from each project. The next issue will ring in the new year with Too Short's ninth album in nine years, "Cocktales".

#### METHOD MAN "TICAL"

PRODUCTION: THE RZA  
SONGS: BRING THE PAIN, PLO STYLE, GET MY THANG IN ACTION, MR., SANDMAN

#### SPICE 1

"AMERIKKKA'S NIGHTMARE"  
PRODUCTION: SPICE 1, ANT BANKS AND D.J. SLIP  
SONGS: STRAP ON THA SIDE, JEALOUS GOT ME STRAPPED, HARD TO KILL, THREE STRIKES

#### CRAIG MACK

"PROJECT: FUNK DA WORLD"  
PRODUCTION: SEAN "PUFFY" COMBS, CRAIG MACK AND ALVIN TOREY  
SONGS: GET DOWN, WHEN GOD COMES, FLAVA IN YA EAR, MAINLINE

#### KEITH MURRAY

"THE MOST BEAUTIFULLEST THING IN THIS WORLD"  
PRODUCTION: ERICK SERMON, ROD KIRKPATRICK, BUSTA RHYMES AND REDMAN  
SONGS: THE MOST BEAUTIFULLEST THING IN THIS WORLD, ESCAPISM, GET LIFTED

#### JERU THA DAMAJA

"THE SUN RISES IN THE EAST"  
PRODUCTION: D.J. PREMIERE  
SONGS: COME CLEAN, YOU CAN'T STOP THE PROPHET, AIN'T THE DEVIL HAPPY, MENTAL STAMINA

#### REDMAN

"DARE IZ A DARKSIDE"  
PRODUCTION: ERICK SERMON, ROCKWILDER AND REDMAN  
SONGS: ROCKAFELLA, COSMIC SLOP, SUPERMAN LOVER II, TONITE'S THA NITE (REMIX)

#### SCARFACE

"THE DIARY"  
PRODUCTION: N.O. JOE, MIKE DEAN AND UNCLE EDDIE  
SONGS: I SEEN A MAN DIE, NO TEARS, MUTHER\$%&@\*s, HAND OF THE DEAD BODY

#### E-40

"THE MAIL MAN"  
PRODUCTION: STUDIO TON AND E-40  
SONGS: CAPTAIN SAVE-A-HOE, BRING THE YELLOW TAPE, NEVA BROKE, THE MAIL MAN

#### BIG MIKE

"SOMETHIN' SERIOUS"  
PRODUCTION: PEE WEE, N.O. JOE, BIDO 1, CRAZY C, MIKE DEAN, MIKE BANKS AND PIMP C  
SONGS: PLAYER PLAYA, CREEPIN' & ROLLIN', GHETTO LOVE AND WORLD OF MINE

#### HOTEP!

## 1995 Miss Black & Gold Pageant a success

BY ANN HARVEY  
Panther Reporter

The brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., showcased eight lovely ladies in their Ninth Annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant with Lachelle Holland taking the title.

Holland is a junior electrical engineering major from Houston, and is a member of Epsilon Gamma Iota Engineering Honors Society here at Prairie View. Holland graduated from Willowridge High School in Houston.

The competition consisted of several categories, which included the introduction process, the swimsuit and evening wear competition and individual talents. Talents ranged from song to dramatic interpretations as well as a baton twirling number by Taunya Silman.

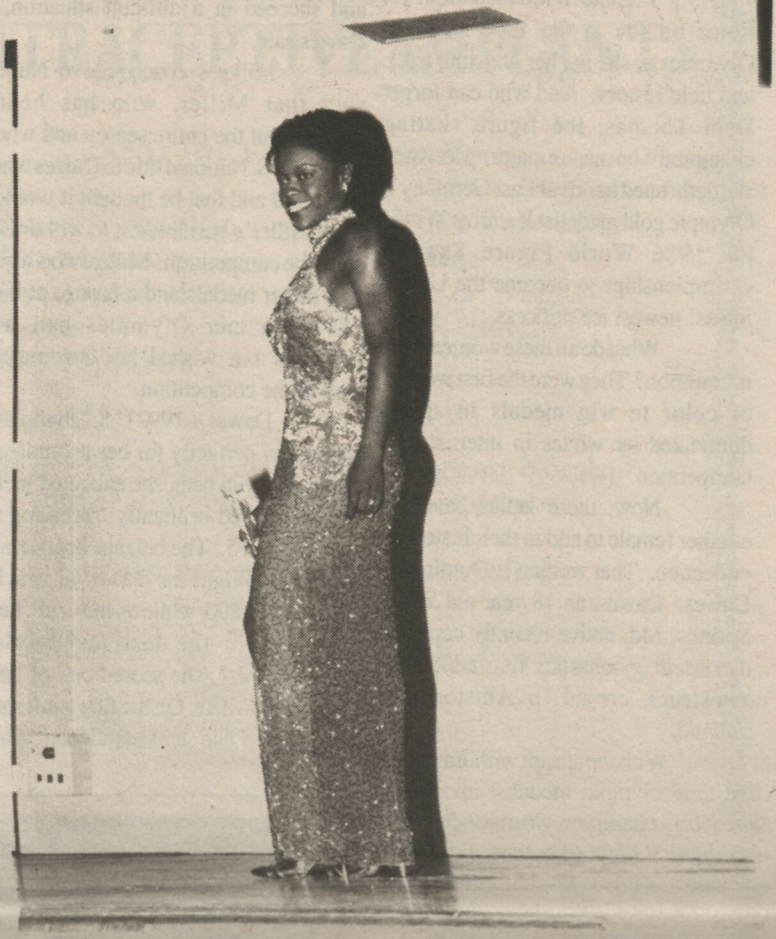
Over 500 people attended the event, and the audience's response to the contestants was overwhelming.

Brushard Higgins, a member of the pageant committee felt that the ladies truly exemplified the theme "Queens of The Nile". "The ladies really displayed the poise and elegance of a black women. I am very proud of them."

Entertainment during the pageant ranged from jazz to beautiful ballads. The talents of Fae Nash, Natalie Andrews, Rapor, and Edward Chadwick and his band were an added plus to the already talent-filled pageant.

Special awards were awarded to contestants who stood out above the rest. Lachelle Holland was awarded the Ms. Congeniality and first runner-up Taunya Silman won an award for most ads sold.

Although the curtains failed



by Gitonga M'mbijewe

Taunya Silman, pageant first runner-up, modeling her evening gown. The contestants were all lovely, especially in this portion of the pageant.

to close because of prior damage done before the pageant and there was no backdrop due to a lack of funds, the pageant was an overall success.

With the help of pageant coordinators and choreographers Keisha Conway and Shatika McGraw, as well as the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha the Ninth Annual Black and Gold Pageant was a success.

Henry Munoz, committee chairman said, "I'm very happy that people were pleased and satisfied. It

couldn't have happened without the help of Shatika and Keisha."

Other contestants in the pageant were Shanette Johnson, Sheronda Stephens, Lashonda Williams, Robin Foster, Tanisha Tate, and Alvera Cross.

Lee Gilmore Jr., pageant committee member was pleased with the end result. "The ladies worked hard and spent numerous nights preparing for the evening. All the time and effort showed in the long run."

## SPA showcases Byrd, BBC Philharmonic and Bell in March

Society for the Performing Arts (SPA) attractions roar like a lion this month, featuring powerful musical events plus superb dance performances. March will be an unforgettable month with American violinist Joshua Bell returning to Houston for his recital debut; Donald Byrd, the group performing under the auspices of SPA, Diverse Works and Texas Southern University, and Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducting the BBC Philharmonic.

On Thursday, March 9, the

SPA presents Joshua Bell with pianist Paul Coker on Friday, March 10, at 8 p.m. in the Cullen theater of the Wortham Theater Center. "Bell is a distinctive and distinguished violinist, a musician of cultivation and taste. He is the real thing," exclaims the *Boston Globe*.

For his Houston recital debut, Bell will perform Beethoven's Sonata No. 6 in A major for Violin and Piano, Op. 30, No. 1; Grieg's Sonata in C minor for Violin

and Piano, Op. 45, No. 3; Prokofiev's Sonata No. 2 in D Major

for Violin and Piano, Op. 94a, and the World Premiere of Aaron Jay Kernis's *American Dances*, which was co-commissioned by SPA.

Bell and Kernis will talk about this new work at a Meet the Composer symposium. Time and location to be announced; call (713) 227-1911 for more information.



# U.S. Gymnast wins world title.....1st black in history

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
Sports Editor

In tennis it was Althea Gibson who was the queen of Wimbledon from 1957-58. The late Wilma Rudolph set Rome on fire at the 1960 Summer Olympics as she ran her way into track and field history. And who can forget Debi Thomas, the figure skating champion who made a major upset when she dethroned her rival East Germany's Olympic gold medalist Katarina Witt at the 1986 World Figure Skating Championships to become the United States' newest ice princess.

What do all these women have in common? They were the first women of color to win medals in sports dominated by whites in international competition.

Now, these ladies have yet another female to add to their historical collection. That woman is Dominique Dawes. Dawes, an 18 year old Silver Springs, Md. native recently captured the world gymnastics title before an awestruck crowd in Amsterdam, Holland.

With the abrupt withdrawal of five-time olympic medalist and two-time world champion, Shannon Miller, after the first night of competition, the U.S. ladies team seemed to be in dire straits. This left Dawes the leader of a young and inexperienced U.S. team.

Dawes, who recently signed a letter of intent to attend Stanford University, brought the team to a second place finish beating the powerful Chinese team and becoming the first U.S. female gymnast since 1967 to place first in every event and the first black to

## Trail Blazers

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Noble Naylor, announcer and member of the trail for 27 years, is one of many helping to promote agriculture. Naylor, along with the trail, is trying to perpetuate those principles, which have come to be regarded as the ideals and traditions of the West as well as black western heritage, to serve as a supporter of Prairie View A&M University and their agricultural programs. In 1994, the Prairie View Trail was joined by the Texas Parks and Wildlife to help promote this legacy.

With members from as far as the Bahamas, the trail riders begin their journey in Sunnyside, Texas. The ride lasts for seven days and is an annual event that takes place in February. In June, the Trail riders, along with the Texas Parks and Wildlife, on a multicultural 130 mile trail ride. The purpose is to gather documentation on the long horn cow and the cowboy in Texas. This ride is open to the public.

achieve this goal.

"A lot of people had doubts about this team because of the absence of Shannon. I'm just glad the rest of the team and myself came out and performed with the confidence to go out and succeed in a difficult situation," Dawes said.

Miller's coach, Steve Nuno said that Miller, who has been inconsistent the entire season and who lost the U.S. National title to Dawes was feeling ill and that he thought it would be in Miller's best interest to withdraw from the competition. Miller, who won four silver medals and a bronze at the 1992 Summer Olympics had no comment but wished her teammates well in the competition.

Dawes, a 1992 U.S. Olympian stepped in perfectly for her teammate. On the uneven bars, she executed well and performed brilliantly receiving a score of 9.875. The balance beam was another highlight for Dawes in which she scored 9.890, while on the vault, her nemesis in the last two world championships, she scored one of her best scores to date. On the first vault she scored 9.973 and her second vault was

9.889.

The final event was the one every one in the audience was waiting for—the floor exercise. The floor exercise has been Dawes' strong point since she entered the senior ladies competition. Performing to the Spanish opera "Maleguena", Dawes, who has been nicknamed "Awesome Dawesome", by fans and media worldwide delivered a flawless routine and scored the highest marks in the championships, a 9.989. The following day, she repeated her performances in the all-round competition and placed first.

"I felt good about my performance and on the performances of my fellow teammates. Now that the U.S. women's gymnastics team is the second best in the world, the next thing for us to do is concentrate on the gold medal in Atlanta," said Dawes who plans to sideline her entrance into Stanford to practice for the upcoming Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. in 1996.

Dawes, said that the Olympics will probably be her last international competition, but she still plans to be involved in the sport as a member of the ladies team at Stanford.

## Convocation

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asked a staff member for a school catalog, and was rudely brushed off.

"She asked for a catalog and was told that she'd have to fill out an application and [then] have a catalog sent to her," Hines recalled. "When she asked if she could see one in the office, the person [behind the desk] turned to another and said, 'Let's find a catalog so we can get rid of her.'" A hush came over the dome as most recalled similar encounters with bitter, snarling staff members when they requested help. "She came home and asked me, 'what kind of a university are you running down there?'" Heapologized to her.

"I will try to improve every aspect of life as long as I am here," Hines said proudly. "The student is our client, not a pest, and not for the purpose of our

## Conference

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Phillip All Faiths Chapel. Caldwell's sermon, "A Recipe for the 21st Century", addressed the future of the black church.

Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson of the Temple of Deliverance Church of God in Christ in Memphis, Tenn., was

convenience. My existence depends on my ability to serve them. True, we may have a lack of money, but some of our goals cost absolutely nothing. Courteous treatment costs absolutely nothing." Addressing problems like these earned him approval and high regard for the students who had not yet met him, and solidified the praise he received from students who knew him well.

Hines has plenty of work underway for this semester. He wants to improve campus life, campus housing, the treatment of students, and the availability of washers and dryers for the Washateria. There was an accord as the students filed out of the dome with feelings of hope and renewal. Their new president, with his heartfelt honesty and his message of commitment, had, perhaps, inspired them to excel, and to know, once and for all, there was someone in Prairie View looking out for them.

not able to attend the conference due to illness, and was missed by many.

Shon Stewart, a junior English major, who attended several of the sessions remarked that this year's conference, besides starting late, went smoothly and was a memorable event.

"I only hope that what was learned at the conference will be put into practice," Stewart added.

# SPORTS

## Gray, a born winner

BY ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER  
Panther Reporter

As Christine Gray reflects on her years as a dominant figure in the history of women's track and field, there is no doubt that she is a gentle giant gracefully breezing the hurdles of the world with silence and sophistication. At a time when many athletes are struggling to maintain sanity in the cut-throat world of track and field, Gray continues to endure by focusing on the disciplines of track and avoiding the hype.

Most athletes begin competitive sports in the seventh grade. Gray was no exception. But what appeared to be a promising year soon transformed into a shocking tragedy. It began with Gray and her three siblings running through the house. Within a matter of seconds a pot of hot cocoa would be knocked from the stove onto Gray's back, causing third degree burns and excruciating pain. This discontinued any athletic involvement for the remainder of Gray's seventh grade year.

When the gentle giant returned she shook the kingdom to warn all the princesses that cool, calm, and collected Christine was by no means damaged; her eighth grade year stood as solid proof. Along with the 4 x 100 (sprint) and 4 x 400 (mile) relays, Gray dominated the 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, triple jump, and long jump events. Carter G. Woodson Middle School had given birth to a district champion and prepared the stage for a star to shine.

"I think I got it from my mom," interjects a modest Gray, of her infinite athletic talents.

Jumping and running have always been natural for Gray.

Coaches look for it, and athletes make it: a name that precedes the face. Gray had no problem achieving that honor. As a freshman at Houston's Ross Show Sterling High, she participated on the varsity track squad. Gray challenged events which would have deterred the average freshman: triple jump, long jump, 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, and the 4 x 400 (mile relay).

A trip to the regional meet would be the turning point for Christine Gray. Although only a freshman, Gray was determined never to be turned back empty-handed, and that meant no

more round trip tickets without a journey to state.

"My sophomore year is when I began to shine," and most definitely, she did. Jealous individuals prey on those who have what they want, and they did their best to break Gray's inner-strength. An unyielding Gray maintains that jealous people made her stronger. She convincingly proved that strength by breaking more records than an anti-rap committee.

Gray was featured in the June



Christine Gray

12, 1989, Sports Illustrated, "Faces in the Crowd", where she posted a best time of 13.89 in the 100 meter hurdles, ranking her no.1 in the nation. Gray anchored both of the Lady Raiders' nationally ranked 4 x 400 and 4 x 200 relays.

In Gray's freshman year the Sterling High Lady Raiders finished fourth at the state meet, third her sophomore year, second her junior year, and if you know Texas high school track and field, you know the Sterling saga: Christine and the Lady Raiders dropped the bomb on Austin, at the state meet her senior year.

"I can recall, on the way to the meet, I was the only one up," she goes on, "I was thinking... this was my last year. We were ranked nationally, we had the upper-hand." Slowly Gray reflects, "I can recall looking out the window, thinking about the past. I was doing good, coming off the Junior Olympics, and I just said," she pauses and gasps, "we got to do this."

Believe that Sterling was as good as gold.

Square one again, Gray is a freshman all over, "My decision came out to be PV because it had a strong

tradition in women's track, and well-respected coaches like Barbara Jacket." Gray also accredits jumping coach Jimmy Washington with furthering the development of her skills. Gray describes 'Jimmy' as "cool". She continues, "He would laugh and joke with you, but when it came down to business it was time to get serious."

Gray's collegiate achievements as a freshman: SWAC (Southwestern Athletic Conference) 1st 100 hurdles, 2nd triple jump, NAIA (National Athletic Intercollegiate Association) qualifier; sophomore: SWAC triple jump champion, 2nd 400 meter hurdles, 2nd 4 x 400 relay, NAIA triple jump champion, 2nd 4 x 400 relay, 2nd distance medley relay, 2nd 400

hurdles behind Deon Hemmings, current Olympian representing Jamaica; junior: broke the SWAC triple jump record with a leap of 43-7, broke the TSU relay record, SWAC 2nd 400 hurdles, 2nd long jump, 2nd 4 x 400 relay, NCAA indoor qualifier, and NCAA outdoor qualifier.

Track and field die-hards have followed Gray since the late '80s, and have found in her the example they strive to emulate. Gray only asks that whatever you do, do it well; give it your all. And in doing so, she wishes you all the joy and prosperity in the world. "I had no idea that I was having an influence on younger athletes," says an innocent Gray.

Of the 1994 USA Mobil Games Gray says, "I was able to meet a lot of the top athletes, and it was good to be in their presence; it was just a good experience." Currently, Gray is ranked no.2 on the NCAA's eligible collegiate list for the women's triple jump, and in the top 10 for U.S. women.

"This semester marks the end. I'm passing it on to Yvette French, hoping that she can pick-up the slack and then some; maybe even do better.

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She has all of my support." Gray goes on to praise PV's family oriented team, and told what a pleasure it was to be with such pleasant individuals.

"I've grown throughout the years, athletically and mentally with the guidance of the coaches."

These are some of the gentle giants last words to the people closest to her here at PV—"To coaches Washington, Adams, and Jacket, thanks for the motivation and encouragement."

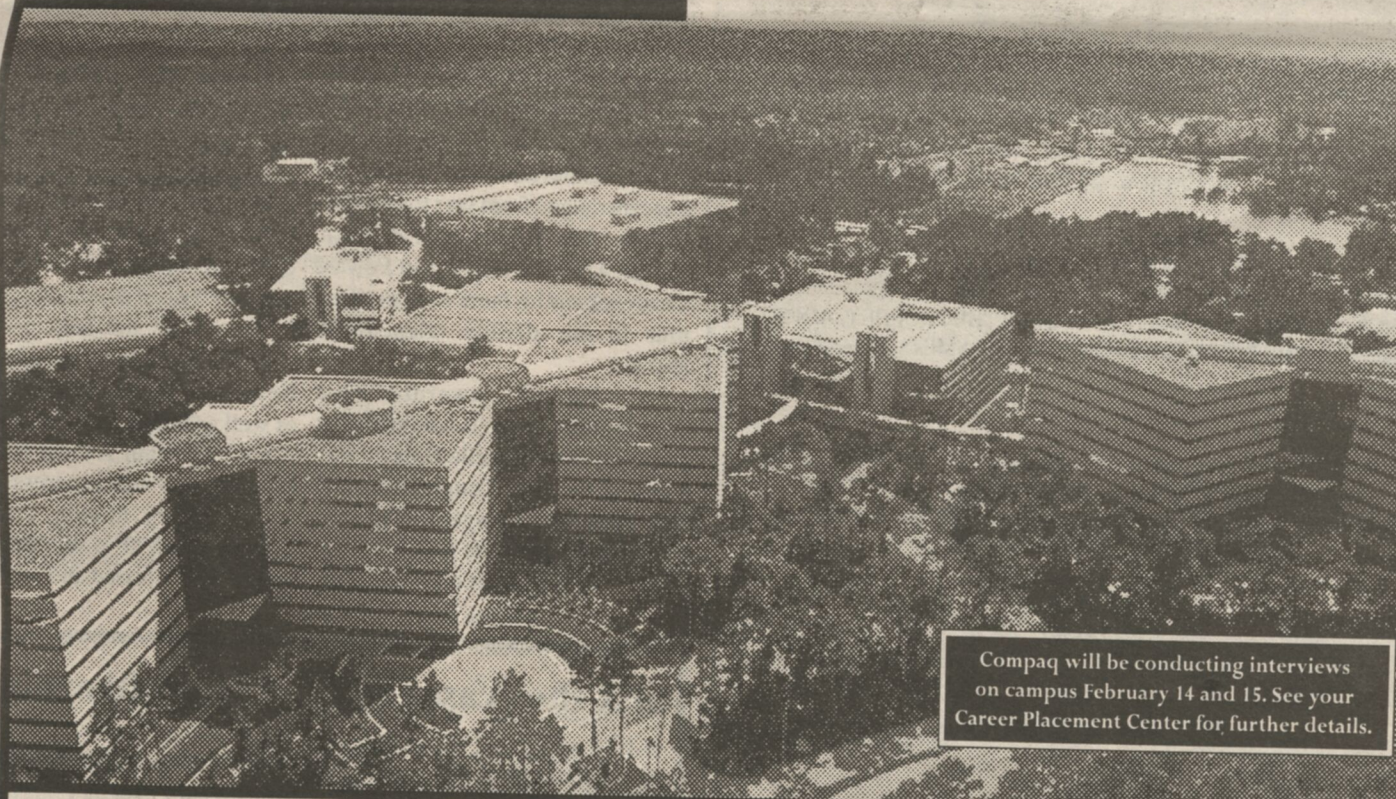
"Also, to coach Jacket, especially, the smart comments made me stronger."

"To Jimmy, the dragon, always breathing fire down my back, I want to say thank you for your individual efforts and relentless determination to put me at the top."

This season's goals for Gray include posting a season and personal best of 45' in the triple jump and qualifying for the 1996 Olympic Games, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

"I couldn't have done this without them."

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# SPORTS

## Prairie View cheerleaders add BASE squad to their ranks



By Gitonga M'Mbijewe

University cheerleaders with new BASE squad

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
Sports Editor

The Prairie View cheerleading squad's biggest problem has been solved with the arrival of the Base squad. The Base squad is a talented group of young men who have decided to assist the cheerleaders by adding a male perspective to what has been an almost totally female squad.

"The Base squad is simply what the name stands for—base. We are out there to help the cheerleaders in building pyramids and to help ring out the cheers and chants whenever possible. We are also out there to show the other males on campus who seem to be stuck on their masculinity, that there is nothing wrong with a guy being a cheerleader," said squad member, William Young.

"Going to football games like Grambling and Southern, and watching schools like Rice, University of Houston, and even Texas A&M, you see just about as many guys as girls on their squads. Looking at them perform on the sideline made us come up with the concept of helping our school's

cheerleaders, who during football season only had one active male squad member," said former Base squad member Michael Pettway.

The squad has performed at every basketball game this season and received accolades from faculty and staff. Cheerleading sponsor, Betty Hall, is pleased with the new additions. Hall feels that it's about time the male student body on PV's campus open their eyes and see that there's nothing wrong with guys cheering. She's behind them 100 percent and hopes to see even bigger things from the men of the Base squad.

How do the cheerleaders feel about their male counterparts? "For a long time we've needed guys on our squad in order to compete with the other SWAC squads. We were always good with creating advanced cheers and chants, but when it came to partner stunts and pyramid building, we were always at the bottom of the barrel. Now that we have more guys along with us, we're certain to become one of the best squads in the SWAC Conference," said veteran cheerleader Stacie Valley.

## PV Golf team compete in Florida tournament

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
Sports Editor

When you think of sports on the Hill, what comes to your mind? Does golf ever peak your interest?

Considered a sport often predominantly played wealthy whites, golf is slowly moving into mainstream black America. With the emergence of Tiger Woods, the teenage sensation who recently became one of the youngest men to win a PGA (Professional Golf Association) championship, golf is becoming a familiar spectator sport among blacks.

Formed last year, the golf team at Prairie View A&M has grown from five interested young men to a team of six males and five females. "When we started, we were a group of guys who were familiar with the game and as we began playing we became actual players and competitors," said Jerome Hawkins.

Hawkins, a 20-year-old engineering major, who calls both Houston and Detroit home, is a member of the team which is preparing for the an upcoming tournament.

The tournament, Doug Williams Invitational College Golf Tournament will be held Feb. 16-19 in Tampa, Fla. Named after former Washington Redskins quarter back Doug Williams, the event will showcase some of the country's top colleges and universities.

"Prairie View became involved in the event from participating in tournaments along with other SWAC schools that included Texas Southern, Grambling, Southern and Alcorn," said Hawkins, who has been involved with the sport for seven years.

"Black males can achieve any goal they set their mind to. Some people are surprised to know that Prairie View actually has a golf team," stated Hawkins. "People tell me that they are proud to see a young black male interested in playing golf."

Hawkins said that Tiger Woods is an inspiration to him and his teammates, but they look up to PV mathematics instructor Dr. Hawkins, basketball coach Elwood Plummer, and football coach Ronald Beard. All of whom are avid golfers. Beard even serves as head coach of the golf team.

When asked how the team raised money for the trip, Hawkins said the university sponsored the trip since golf is now considered an official sport at PV. Hawkins also said that the Prairie View A&M University Alumni Association needs to get more involved in their school.

"Any man or woman who graduates from the university with a degree is considered alumni. If you care about your school, you should try to want to give something back. The alumni should take pride in their school and be proud to say they are graduates of Prairie View A&M University," said Hawkins.

Referring to the Prairie View Athletic Scholarship Fund, Hawkins stated that the fund should help all forms of athletics at Prairie View and not just focus on one specific sport.

Hawkins said that he and his fellow teammates would like to thank the faculty, staff and administration for their support, and hope they will continue throughout the remainder of the season.

Young men and women interested in becoming members of the Prairie View golf team may contact Coach Ronald Beard at 2413 or 4114.

## 'Gunslinger' returns to SWAC

Houston--Texas Southern University has named Archie "Gunslinger" Cooley as its football team's new offensive coordinator, effective immediately.

Cooley, who gained fame as the cowboy hat wearing flamboyant head coach at Mississippi Valley State during the Jerry Rice-Willie Trotten era, is making his fifth tour of duty in the eight-member Southwestern Athletic Conference. He graduated from Jackson State and then served as assistant coach at Alcorn, head coach at MSVSU, and assistant coach at Southern.

Between the stints at Southern and TSU, he served as head coach at Norfolk for one season. After leaving MVSU after the 1986 season, he served as coach at Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

"We feel that he's going to be a tremendous help to what we do here at Texas Southern," said TSU head coach and athletics

director Bill Thomas. "Look at how he helped other teams he'd been involved with. He brings great experience to our program.

At Mississippi Valley

State, Cooley's team compiled a record of 41-27-3 between 1980 and 1986. His career record, including the positions held at MVSU, UAPB, and NSU, stands at 71-47-6.

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# SPORTS

## Celebrity game benefits PV athletic scholarship fund

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
Sports Editor

Prairie View A&M University over the recent months has been in the national spotlight for being the university with the longest losing streak in college football history. Head coach Ronald Beard has been blasted for not producing a winning season in his years as coach of the team.

Beard has been blamed for the inconsistency to win. In recent interviews, Beard stated that the university will continue to lose as long as the school continues not to award athletic scholarships to its athletes. Beard along with Elwood Plummer, and Robert Atkins, head coaches of the men's and women's basketball teams agree that without scholarships awarded, these all-star high school players will continue to bypass Prairie View for schools that offer them scholarships.

Prairie View's athletic problems reached the ears of Charles McElroy. McElroy, a pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, headlined an all-star celebrity basketball game.

The game, in conjunction with radio station, 97.9 FM, and the Texas Lottery Commission, was a benefit game organized to raise money for the Prairie View Athletic Scholarship Fund.

McElroy stated, "When people think of Prairie View, the first thing that comes to their mind is that it's the school with the longest NCAA losing streak. The thing that they don't know is that the school is one of the top black universities academic wise in the country." McElroy said that rather bring up that, they always elaborate about the streak.

McElroy also talked about the fact that Prairie View was a dominant powerhouse in black college football in their glory days. "Nobody, not even Eddie Robinson could compare to Prairie View during the 'Nick Years'." McElroy was referring to Billy Nicks, the football coach with the most wins in Prairie View's history. "I want to see the school

back on that plain again," said McElroy.

The basketball program was also on McElroy's mind. This is especially true about the women's basketball team whose recent win against Southern was their first win in over a year. Their last win was against Texas Southern University in February 1994.

"Prairie View needs quality athletes to refurbish the program they have here. Scholarships are needed. These players here are some of the best around, all what they need is top players to help rebuild their program," stated McElroy. "The university will never be able to compete on the level of such teams like Arkansas, Michigan, and Duke."

The alumni is also to blame for the school's inability to function on the top collegiate level. "The alumni needs to get more active in the goings on at their alma mater. People can say that they'll do something but actions speak louder than words," said McElroy.

McElroy has given credit to both the volleyball teams and track programs who have continued to dominate the SWAC (Southwestern Athletic Conference) and their wins have enabled them to compete on the national level. He also extends his hand to those athletes who, despite not being victors on the field or court, they're victorious in the classroom.

The game itself, featured all-star celebrities from local television and radio stations, along with professional athletes from the NFL, CFL, NBA, and MBLA. Television anchorwoman Gina Gaston was head coach for the all star team. The game also featured half-time performances from the Panther Kittens and the university cheerleading squad.

## SWAC RESULTS

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Texas Southern     | 5. Southern         |
| 2. Alabama State      | 6. Alcorn State     |
| 3. Miss. Valley State | 7. Grambling State  |
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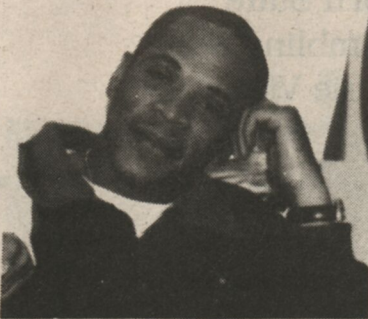
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VIEWPOINTS

The OJ saga: Another high-tech lynching?



by Chadwick Davis  
Guest Columnist

Your laid back in the crib on a hot, steamy summer evening. Chicken quarters are on the grill, joints are in the air, and with brew in hand you watch as Mad Max rolls up all five of the Knicks would be defenders.

Everyone rejoices. However, the excitement of a Houston team finally delivering in the clutch is rudely interrupted by the sight of a white Bronco cruising down highway 110 in L.A. with a gang of police car trailing close behind. Then

that lump formed in your throat. That same lump you had when you first heard Magic Johnson had the HIV infection.

Suddenly all rejoicing stops. Faces turn somber. A new series begins that is much bigger than the NBA finals, the O.J. Simpson saga.

In a case with more turns than a game of twister, the American nightmare has manifested itself once again. This time it takes the form of O.J. Simpson. Heisman trophy winner, first 2000 yard rushing season in NFL history, simply one of the greatest runners ever, accomplished sports analyst, and now murder is the case that they give him.

Or so it seems. Every tragic hero has a tragic flaw. The frightening reality is that Simpson may be on trial for sleeping with a white woman.

Imagine that in 1995. Like a NFC championship game featuring the 49ers and the Cowboys, two teams of all-star lawyers square off in the big contest. Racist cops, bloody gloves, bloody socks, DNA tests and a gang of surprise witnesses make the Simpson case fun.

If you can get past the fact that another black hero is being lynched on national TV.

But anyway, let the games begin.

The Defence, Johnnie Cochran, Robert Shapiro, and Carl Douglas came strapped with 14 new witnesses that sent Marcia Clark and the Prosecution into the shakes.

But Clark and Company blasted back with 87 inch pictures of the slashed bodies and an onslaught of clues. A crafty combination of emotion and hard evidence as the Prosecution evened out the score.

Whether Simpson is innocent is not the question.

It should be, but it's not.

There is no question that the public is in for a barn-burner. Both teams are in this one for the long haul.

As for the Juice?

Well, he's hanging in town square. Let that be an example to all you niggers. Being accused of killing a white person is still the greatest crime in America. Simpson, on trial for the murder of two is in double trouble.

Juice

camera spies when he's best kept private obscure from him the tapes record on grainy black and white discord agreements that are pre-betrayed insulting with the cold glazed gaze of multiple unfeeling eyes from the corner of his eye he sees the spectacle approaching a caravan of gruesome thousands practice trickery and contempt eager bleakness dawns on him

a dying present settles in his corpse of a future & a face now painfully thin in animal quiet he sits with doom in his hearing muscles taut short of writhing mulling over prison hammers crushing boulders strike by strike for years to come his brain will ache his ball and chain forbidden to break & forehead of his famous face speaks in layers of sweating fear for worldwide watchers hot off the griddle camera spies & the juice fries

-Brian Kehinde

VIEWPOINTS

Alumni calls for Bush to appoint PV graduate to TAMU's board

Dr. William M. Batts III, president of the Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association (PVNAA), commenting on the pending nomination and appointment of at least three new members of the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) Board of Regents, stated that the alumni association will request governor George W. Bush make at least one of the appointees a Prairie View graduate.

Dr. Batts noted that in the 120 year history of Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University System, of which Prairie View A&M University was a charter member, there have been legions of Texas A&M graduates who have served—all with great distinction—on the TAMUS Board of Regents. Sadly, on the other hand, to date there has never been a Prairie View graduate to serve on the board, not withstanding that Prairie View has always been a

part of the TAMU system.

That no Prairie View graduate has ever served on this board, which represents one of this nation's most respected institutions of higher education, is an obvious insult to Prairie View and all of her graduates, and is also an insult to Texas and to the Texas A&M University system. Indeed this extraordinary omission could unintentionally suggest to outsiders and to the tens of thousands of PV graduates that not a single one of their members has merited appointment to the board that oversees their alma mater. Dr. Batts believes Gov. Bush, both an enlightened and fair man of substance and integrity, when advised of this matter and given an opportunity to correct this oversight, will do so.

The National Alumni Association's legislative committee, chaired by immediate past national president, Dr. Bettye Davis-Lewis of Houston, has been charged with

preparing a list of at least three highly qualified graduates of Prairie View for the governor's consideration. The committee's charter suggests that not just any Prairie View graduate will do. Their charge is to recommend persons who understand and will support the traditions of Prairie View and who will serve in the best interests of Prairie View and the TAMU system, and not for self.

Dr. Batts believes that first consideration should be given to a Prairie View graduate who lived in the residence hall and who received an undergraduate degree at Prairie View, who has the ability to work with the state legislators, and is recommended by the Prairie View National Alumni Association.

Prairie View National Alumni Association



Dear Jaquita

Dear Jaquita, I'm writing in a follow-up to a letter I wrote you last semester. I'm the guy whose in love with his cousin. During the recent vacation, my situation, thinking it was going to get better, got worse. Can you believe that my cousin, the girl I love, the girl I want to birth my children, put a restraining order on me? That B——!! How could she?

She and her mother ( my aunt!) think I have a mental problem. And my parents agree! But I'm not crazy! I'm just in love. They don't understand that I love her. When a guy gets an erection from visioning hot sex with his cousin, its love, at least to me it is.

They think by me being at Prairie View I'll find someone. Not!

I've no desire for a young PV tramp. If I can't have my cousin... then no man can. Cousin Lover P.S.

You're the only one I can talk to. You're my only listener in this situation.

Dear Cousin Lover, It seems to me that you are in a no-win situation. Now it is time for you to examine the possibilities of you and your cousin getting together. First of all there is nothing that you can do about the restraining order, therefore you can't even see her, which means that there will be no relationship of any kind.

I understand that you feel very strongly about your cousin, but it is time to let go. You have let her know exactly how you feel. She has in return let you know that the feelings were less than mutual.

It would not be fair to you, for you to pursue someone who does not want a relationship. So I ask that you do me a favor, give the young ladies at PV a chance. Let me know how it turns out. It's not as bad as it seems.

Should Black History month concentrate on African-American history or African history?

Sam Shaw  
Elec. Eng.  
Tech  
Major  
San Antonio  
Junior



To understand African American history, or any history at all, you must first understand the history of Africa. For example, one might wonder where an apple comes from, they must understand that the seed had to be planted into the soil in order for the buds to produce the apples.

Jacquie Green  
Communications  
Major  
N. Carolina  
Freshman



It should be all African history because a lot of African Americans, as well as people of other races, are ignorant of knowing the heritage of Africa.

Jeralyn "JC"  
Carter  
Psychology  
Major  
Lubbock  
Freshman



I feel that it should be African history because we are a mixture of all African origins not just one, so we must educate ourselves to obtain knowledge of all our African origins. Also, when you say "African American" history you're not just speaking of the black people. There are a lot more races that exist in Africa, as well. They too, are our ancestors.

Kyland  
Dobbins  
Biology  
Major  
Ft. Worth



African History should also be included because we shouldn't limit ourselves to just "African American" history. We celebrate African American history in February but African history is mentioned very little, if any.

Courtney  
Johnson  
Political Science  
Major  
Ft. Worth  
Sophomore



It should be a combination of both African American and African history because we have history existing in both America as well as our heritage, from which we were derived, Africa.

Shankee  
Sinegal  
Nursing  
Major  
Port Arthur



Black history should not be limited to just African American history because some people consider African history a part of Afro-American history therefore, they should be encouraged to celebrate both histories.

The Panther staff would like to wish you a Happy Valentine's Day

Blast From The Past

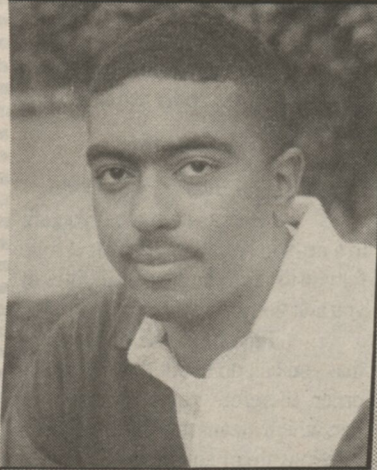


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# VIEWPOINTS

## Must we continue to act an ass?



**Derald D. Powell**  
Editor-in-Chief

being dropped from the computer, placed on pending, their rent was due, they were broke, but they have a \$2,000 overpayment in the financial aid office.

Why is it that when students went to the financial aid office after getting the run around for weeks and started making violent threats, checks began to be ready in the next few days? I mean, not that I'm 100 percent sure what's going on, but was the interest being drawn from the checks more important than students' rent or fees?

Why is the money held on to as if the financial aid counselors and workers won't get paid if they give you YOUR money?

It wasn't until students started to act like they didn't know how to act or have any sense that things got accomplished. Maybe if those dealing with the students acted like they had some sense or like we weren't stupid we would act accordingly.

Another example—when you try to get a signature for anything or find out what's going on with your money, why do you have to go to at least five buildings, speak to 10 people, and get sent back to where you started only to be told come back

in a week.

Excuse me, is there a traffic jam on the information highway? What happened to the Internet system, or even a good 'ole telephone?

I'll admit that this problem is not only here at PV, but if my fries are cold at McDonald's I'll take them back or get my money back. If students started demanding that kind of responsiveness from PV because of the amount of money given to this university Prairie View would be in trouble. I'm beginning to get the picture that maybe President Hines realizes this, but is having a hard time relaying this message to those under him.

We must remember this works both ways. In Alumni hall we still act as if we have no basic home-training evidenced by many students' refusal to take an extra two minutes to pick up their tray's.

So to you nice people who feel that you should respect your elders, I agree that you should, but when you're not receiving quality service for the amount of money you spend, be prepared to act a complete ass (Hee-Haw) or be prepared to be treated like one.

I said I was through complaining about things, well, I lied.

I constantly hear administrators, faculty members, and other students saying how we should act and conduct ourselves because we are a representation of the school.

Yes we are, but to all people complaining about different matters you need to check yourself because actually you are a large part of the problem.

For example, people were

## The bias of words



**Candice Y. Clay**  
Managing Editor - Business

another actor for the part. With this statement, she was implying that Gossett did not reflect the "true" Egyptian image.

This prejudice even touches us here on the Prairie View campus. Recently at the Miss Black and Gold pageant, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., several contestants commented on the different shades of black in their expressions and dramatic interpretations. The most disturbing thing to me came after LaChelle Holland was pronounced the winner. Several audience members were upset by what they felt was another "light, bright, almost-white" girl taking home the prize again. Some people said that since the competition was so close between Holland and first runner-up, Taunya Silmon, they would have preferred having Silmon declared winner because dark contestants always come in second - or so it seems. They felt this would have been a refreshing change from the norm.

Another thing I don't understand about us blacks in society is how we feel responsible for the transgressions of members of our race. For example, when Marion Barry, then and now mayor of Washington D.C., was arrested for possession of crack, we as blacks felt that he tarnished our reputation in society and that he was truly the rotten apple that spoiled the bunch. In the same instance if Barry were a white man whites would not have convicted the whole race for the one rotten egg, ironically neither would we.

**WHITE** - free from color; marked by upright fairness; free from spot or blemish; free from moral impurity, innocent; not intended to cause harm; favorable, fortunate; etc.

**BLACK** - dirty, soiled; thoroughly sinister or evil, wicked; indicative of condemnation or discredit; connected with or invoking the supernatural and especially the devil; marked by the occurrence of disaster; characterized by hostility or angry discontent; etc.

We wonder why the prejudice in America is so ingrained that we can't seem to eliminate it no matter what steps we take. The reason is in the basic use of our language as shown by Webster's definitions above.

Society as a whole is so ready to believe that black men are the perpetrators and white women and children are the victims that when Susan Smith of South Carolina came on television begging for the safe return of her children, every black man in America was looked at twice just to make sure he did not fit the description of the car-jacker.

But this stereotyping is not restricted to the United States; it affects the way blacks are seen around the world. Years ago a movie was made about the life of Anwar Sadat, the president of Egypt, and Louis Gossett Jr. was chosen to play Sadat because he looked like him. Sadat's wife and children were fair-skinned almost European-looking and one of their daughters suggested that Gossett was not a true portrayal of Sadat and that she preferred

Because black is always portrayed as negative and white positive it seems that we as society still believe that if you can't be white then the closer you are to white the better. This might appear to be true as far as our language is concerned, but black is truly black, no matter what the shade. Both dark and light-skinned blacks are affected by society's prejudices, albeit in different ways but affected none the less.

Since it does not appear that our language is going to be changed any time soon, we as blacks must note the multiple ways in which language confines and taints and actively and vigilantly seek to use words that empower and enrich whenever such an application of the language is warranted.

## In the next issue of *The Panther*:

\*\*Reggae King Bob Marley at 50

\*\*Trial of Lisa Kay in death of former PV student

## Comedy Corner

